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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"The answer to the first portion of the question is in the affirmative. The Government feel that it may not be desirable to concentrate all honorary functions on members of the Legislature who by reason of that very position can do a great deal of good without being appointed visitors. It may be desirable to confer honorary positions on others also. Those who are interested in jails and prisoners apart from individual or party interest will certainly be preferred whether they are members of the Legislature or not."

Dispute between employers and employees in Stoneware Pipe, Tiruvallur.

*1259 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the existence of a dispute between the employers and employees of the Stoneware Pipe, Tiruvallur, Chingleput district, was brought to the notice of the Labour Commissioner; and

(*b*) whether any conciliation was attempted and with what results?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) The dispute was brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Labour in February 1953.

"(*b*) Yes, the report of the conciliation officer is under consideration of Government."

Reserved forest areas in Anantapur.

*1260 *Q.*—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what steps are taken to increase plantation in reserved areas in Anantapur district?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"Work is in progress for concentrated regeneration of an area of 600 acres under the Soil Conservation Scheme. "Neem" and "Kamala" species are also being raised on a plantation scale. During the rainy season, an area of 13,200 acres is expected to be sown with seeds broadcast by the forest subordinates."

Tannery industry in the State.

*1261 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Committee was appointed to enquire into the conditions of the Tannery Industry in the State;

(*b*) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government; and

(*c*) whether the report will be placed on the table of the House?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir,

" (c) The report is being printed and will be made available to public. Copies of the report will be placed in the Library of the Madras Legislature Secretariat for reference by Members."

Assignment of banjar lands in Ongole taluk.

* 1262 Q.—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH (on behalf of Sri Pragada Kotaiah): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of banjar lands in Thimmasamudram village, Ongole taluk, Guntur district, taken over from the Venkatagiri zamindar;

(b) whether it is a fact that survey numbers

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546–2	159·92
547–1	130·31
547–2	5·34
549–1	15·35
549–2	0·49
Total ..	311·41

of banjar land taken over from the Venkatagiri zamindar are now in the possession of landlords Sri Ronda Subba Reddi and 32 others;

(c) whether the Government are in receipt of a representation, dated 18th June 1952, from the landless poor of Thimmasamudram and Pandillapalli, requesting them to assign the abovesaid land to them since they were actually cultivating the land for the last five years; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) No Banjar lands in Thimmasamudram village, Ongole taluk, Guntur district, have been taken over from the Venkatagiri Zamindar.

" (b) The lands are not banjar lands but revenue sale lands purchased by and in possession of Sri Ronda Subba Reddi, K. Venkatarayudu and others.

" (c) & (d) The Collector of Guntur has reported that a representation, dated 14th June 1952, signed by some villagers of Pandillapalli and Thimmasamudram addressed to the Manager, Venkatagiri estate, was received in the office of the Special Deputy Tahsildar, Pellur, and that action is being taken on it."